

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 17-A: MAINE CRIMINAL CODE**  
**Chapter 48: VICTIMS' RIGHTS HEADING: PL 1995, c. 680, §5 (new)**

**§1174. SENTENCING PROCEDURE**

1. The victim must be provided the opportunity to participate at sentencing by:

A. Making an oral statement in open court; or [1995, c. 680, §5 (NEW).]

B. Submitting a written statement to the court either directly or through the attorney for the State. A written statement must be made part of the record. [1995, c. 680, §5 (NEW).]

[ 1995, c. 680, §5 (NEW) . ]

2. The court shall consider any statement made under subsection 1, along with all other appropriate factors, in determining the sentence.

[ 1995, c. 680, §5 (NEW) . ]

3. Unlike victims defined under section 1171, family members not within that definition, close friends of the victim, community members and other interested persons do not have a right to participate at sentencing. Participation by such interested persons is a matter for the court's discretion in determining what information to consider when sentencing.

[ 1995, c. 680, §5 (NEW) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

1995, c. 680, §5 (NEW).

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